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Destructive and fatal cyclones have devastated
portions of Georgia and Alabama.

There have been fresh rumours of a vague
nature of commotions on the Afghan frontier.

Earnest appeals have been made to the British
public for the relief of the sufferers by the famine
in China.

Mr. Edgar, M.P., has given notice that he will
move, in committee, for an additional and rather
drastic provision to Mr. Wallace's anti-combination
bill.

By a contract recently concluded Mr. Geo. M.
Pullman has secured a practical monopoly of the
sleeping car service on all the transcontinental
American lines.

Mr. H. W. Darling, of Toronto, being enter-
tained by the Union League Club, of Chicago,
took the opportunity, in replying to a toast, of
insisting that there was no annexation sentiment
in Canada.

The passage by Congress of the Nicaragua bill
has deepened the interest of Europeans in Count
de Lesseps' uncompleted scheme, but as yet no
practical steps have been taken for the resumption
of the work on the Panama canal.

A good deal of discussion has been evoked by
the protest uttered, in the course of a sermon in
a church at Ottawa, against the agitation for the
disallowance of the grant to the Jesuits. The
agitation is largely confined to Ontario.

In his declaration of policy the new French
Premier hopes that sufficient forbearance will be
exercised by all parties to allow of the successful
holding of the exhibition. The aim of the new
Ministry will be to strengthen the rule of peace,
justice and progress.

The municipal election this year in Montreal
lacked the central excitement of a contest for the
mayoralty. Both sections of the population are
agreed as to the fitness of Mr. Jacques Grenier,
through long experience and native gifts, for that
position of dignity and responsibility.

Archbishop Fabre was enthusiastically received
by his clergy and people on his return from
Europe, where His Grace has been staying for
some months past. The Archbishop, who had
been present at the inauguration of the new Cana-
dian College at Rome, spoke hopefully of that
institution.

A terrible accident occurred last week on the
St. Louis night express near St. George, Ont., by
which nine persons lost their lives and over
twenty were more or less injured. It was due to
the piston rod breaking which caused the rail to
spread, and the dining and passenger cars were
precipitated over a bridge.

Hartford, Conn., has been the scene of a terrible
disaster by which some thirty-five lives were lost.
The Park Central Hotel, a five-storey building,
took fire at an early hour on the morning of the
18th ult., through the explosion of the boiler in
the basement, which demolished the house and
buried the inmates in the ruins.

A resolution, drawn up by Dr. Trudel, recording
the sympathy of the Legislature with His Holiness
Pope Leo in his continued deprivation of his

rights as a temporal sovereign, and praying for the
intervention of the British Government on his
behalf, was withdrawn at the request of Cardinal
Taschereau, conveyed through the Hon. L. P.
Pelletier.

The lull in Hungarian political excitement, con-
sequent on the tragic death of the Crown Prince
Rudolph, has been succeeded by a revival of
agitation against the Premier, Herr Tisza. The
demonstrations against the Military bill have been
most pronounced as against that statesman, while
marked by enthusiastic loyalty to the Emperor, as
King of Hungary.

Some conjecture was excited by the hope in-
cidentally expressed by Canada's High Commis-
sioner, in his speech at the Onslow banquet, that,
when the sad necessity occurred for replacing Sir
John Macdonald by another Prime Minister, the
vacancy would be filled by a French-Canadian.
It was generally understood that Sir Hector
Langevin was the Minister indicated.

It is gratifying to learn that the number of con-
victs in the Canadian penitentiaries is decreasing,
notwithstanding the growth of the population.
According to the last report of the Minister of
Justice, only 1094 were confined in the five penal
establishments of the Dominion, compared with
1150 in the previous years. Several reforms have
been introduced, which are said so far to work
well.

Mr. Desjardins, M.P.P., severely criticized the
financial policy of the Provincial Government,
disputing the Treasurer's claim to a surplus, and
maintaining that, on the contrary, the operations
of the last fiscal year showed a deficit of \$314,
000, and that the expenditure for the last three
years exceeded the revenue by \$1,700,000. The
Hon. Mr. Mercier complimented Mr. Desjardins
on his eloquent and vigorous speech.

In responding some days ago to the toast of the
colonies at the banquet given to Lord Onslow,
the new governor of New Zealand, Sir Charles
Tupper took occasion to explain that the debt of
Canada was due, not to extravagance, but to
necessary and beneficial efforts to build up the
prosperity and develop the resources of the
Dominion. He proudly called attention to the
fact that Canada and other colonial securities had
the highest place on the London Stock Exchange.

The fiasco that has resulted from Pigott's
double-dealing makes the *Times* cut a rather
ridiculous figure. After the reiterated assurances
on the part of the *Times* that it was justified in
holding up Mr. Parnell, as it had done, to public
scorn, as the associate and adviser of malefactors,
there was only one course left for that journal, and
that was to make the most ample and explicit of
apologies. That course it has taken. Pigott's
suicide has furnished a tragic *dénouement* to the
strange drama.

Madame Albani's tour through this province
was one continued triumph, all lovers of music
vieing with each other in chivalrous devotion to
the gifted *cantatrice*. Nor was her reception less
enthusiastic at the Dominion capital, where the
Premier claimed for himself and his household the
privilege of entertaining her. She was also invited
to dine at the Government House by Their Ex-
cellencies. Substantial tokens of esteem were not
wanting—one of the most precious keepsakes be-
ing due to the considerate ingenuity of Sir Donald
Smith.